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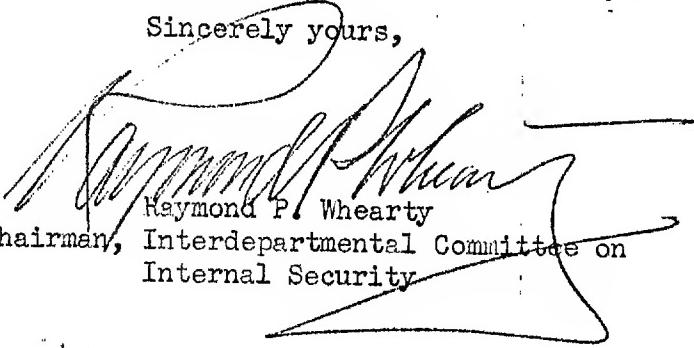
Dear Colonel Edwards:

The comments contained in your letter of October 16, 1950, regarding the draft of "Minimum Standards for the Handling and Transmission of Classified Information," have been noted by the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security.

Section 320 of the proposed Regulations was intended to recognize the responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency under the National Security Act of 1947. As outlined in your letter, therefore, it was not intended that your Agency should cease to incorporate intelligence material received from other agencies into its finished studies for dissemination to interested departments and agencies nor was it intended that your Agency should cease to reproduce intelligence material for intra-agency dissemination as required for intelligence studies and spot intelligence summaries which have to be prepared quickly on a current basis.

In view of the foregoing and of the statement in your letter of October 16, 1950, as well as the informal conversations between Mr. Lawrence Houston of your Agency and Mr. William E. Foley, Chairman, ICIS Standing Committee confirming the foregoing, it is understood that your Agency has no specific changes to recommend, and in the absence of information to the contrary it will be assumed that you agree to the proposed Regulations.

Sincerely yours,


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Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on
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